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Mr Andrew Jackson
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Dear Mr Jackson:

I just received your wire asking about a collection at the ballpark Sunday. I must apologize for not answering your letter about the same matter before now, but I have been out of town a lot, and just did not get to it.

You probably have learned by now, The Negro Baseball people are not any too cooperative. They do not cooperate with each other so you know what an outsider has to expect. I will be surprised if you have been able to take the collection in any of the parks. After receiving your wire I called Mr Jackson of the YMCA to ask if he had arranged for any group to take the collection. He said he had not done anything about your letter, as he did not realize what the program was. I told him the Mayor had suggested him to you, and he was surprised.

Frankly I do not like the idea of taking collections at ballparks. I have a collection taken each year at our opening ballgame for the NAACP, because it usually is having its membership drive about that time, and the program is of national appeal. I believe I would prefer making a contribution to your program if I am able. However we have several more games at home and it may be possible to work out something.

Let me know how the program is progressing, and if you have had any cooperation from the baseball owners. Our baseball does not look very far ahead, maybe we will improve I hope so. I will be looking to hear from you.

Very Truly Yours